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SUBJECT: ISRAELI EMBASSY PUBLICATION WARNS AGAINST "ONE-SIDED
PRESSURE" BY U.S.

1. THE ISRAELI EMBASSY HERE HAS CIRCULATED TO US AND OTHER
DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS (AND WE ASSUME TO THE GUB AND PERHAPS
JOURNALISTS) AN "INFORMATION BULLETIN" WHICH QUOTES THE TEXTS OF
TWO LETTERS FROM PRESIDENT EISENHOWER TO PRIME MINISTER
BEN-GURION. ONE, DATED 7 NOVEMBER 1956, URGES ISRAEL TO
WITHDRAW FROM THE SINAI AND SAYS THAT FOLLOWING THE ISRAELI
WITHDRAWAL, "NEW AND ENERGETIC STEPS SHOULD BE UNDERTAKEN WITHIN
THE FRAMEWORK OF THE UNITED NATIONS TO SOLVE THE BASIC PROBLEMS
WHICH HAVE GIVEN RISE TO THE PRESENT DIFFICULTY." THE OTHER,
DATED 2 MARCH 1957, STATES EISENHOWER'S RELIEF "THAT ISRAEL
WILL HAVE NO CAUSE TO REGRET" THE SINAI WITHDRAWAL, AND THAT
FOLLOWING ITS COMPLETION THERE SHOULD BE "A UNITED EFFORT BY
ALL OF THE NATIONS TO BRING ABOUT CONDITIONS IN THE AREA MORE
STABLE, MORE TRANQUIL, AND MORE CONDUCIVE TO THE GENERAL
WELFARE THAN THOSE WHICH EXISTED HERETOFORE."

2. THE EXPLANATORY NOTE WHICH COVERS THE TEXTS OF THE LETTERS,
AFTER SUMMARIZING THEM, STATES, "ISRAEL'S WITHDRAWAL FROM
THE SINAI IN 1957 IS ALREADY PART OF HISTORY AND SO ARE THE
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HOPES AND EXPECTATIONS EXPRESSED IN THE ABOVE-MENTIONED LETTERS
WHICH HAVE COME TO NIL. IN THE LIGHT OF THE THESE PAST
EXPERIENCES ONE HAS TO APPRECIATE ISRAEL'S SENSITIVITY IN THIS
MATTER AND THE NEED TO CREATE CONDITIONS WHICH WILL INSURE
THE SECURITY OF ISRAEL. ANY ONE-SIDED PRESSURE WILL ONLY BRING
BACK CONDITIONS WHICH PRECIPITATED ALL THE WARS IN THE PAST."

3. WHEN AMBASSADOR BEAN ASKED ISRAELI AMBASSADOR OVNAT WHY HE WAS CIRCULATING THIS HISTORICAL MATERIAL JUST NOW, OVNAT ONLY SAID THAT "IT'S GOOD SOMETIMES TO REMEMBER HISTORY". HE CONFIRMED THAT IT WAS CIRCULATED ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM HIS GOVERNMENT, SO WE ASSUME THE ISRAELIS ARE PASSING IT OUT ELSEWHERE AS WELL.

4. A COPY OF THE RELEASE IS BEING POUCHED TO EA/TIMBS FOR ANY FURTHER DISTRIBUTION WHICH MAY BE APPROPRIATE.
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